



TITUS  
VINEYARDS

**2001 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
NAPA VALLEY**

***Vintage***

The 2001 growing season produced a classic vintage with slightly below normal rainfall, followed by a warm June and a typical Northern California summer weather pattern of warm days and cool nights for the remainder of the season. The results were early ripening, and a slightly early harvest with moderate crop levels and classic varietal character.

***Vineyard***

Our family vineyard, located on the valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail, possesses well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids and naturally balanced tannins. Further north, our Ehlers Lane Vineyard consists of a stony, dry streambed and a knoll composed of thin gravelly soil over hard volcanic ash. Planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon these infertile soils produce low yields of grapes with concentrated flavors.

***Vinification***

Following harvest, the grapes were de-stemmed but not crushed, allowing increased control over tannin extraction by minimizing the possibility of broken skins and split seeds. Following a 48-hour cold soak to extract color and flavor, the grapes underwent a warm, short fermentation, with pump-overs occurring twice daily. The free-run was transferred to oak barrels, where it underwent malolactic fermentation.

***Wine Profile***

Aromas of ripe cherry, black plum, crushed fern and green tea add vibrancy to spicy notes of cedar, vanilla, ground coffee and lightly smoky oak. Complex, layered flavors of black cherry, cassis, cardamom, bittersweet chocolate and caramelized sugar are enhanced by the firm tannins, which lend length and breadth on the palate, creating a beautiful mouth-filling texture and adding to the lengthy finish.

***Technical Information***

Blend:	76% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot 8% Petit Verdot 4% Cabernet Franc 2% Malbec	Barrel Aging:	50% New barrels 80% French oak 20% American oak 20 months
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Alcohol:	14.5%
Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Total Acidity:	.54 grams/100 ml.
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus	pH:	3.8
Harvest Dates:	Late September 2001	Production:	1755 cases
		Bottling Date:	August 2003
		Release Date:	March 2004